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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4635

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SUBJECT: SAFAIR ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL L-100S

REF: (A) STATE 095087; (B) PRETORIA 1690

1. REF (B) WAS TRANSMITTED BEFORE COMPLETING FULL EMBASSY CLEARANCE PROCESS AND, AS SENT, IT DOES NOT FULLY REFLECT EMBASSY THINKING. RECIPIENTS PLEASE NOTE CLARIFICATIONS BELOW.

2. PARA 2 OF REF (B) ESSENTIALLY REPRESENTS SAFAIR VIEW OF CONDITIONS SURROUNDING ORIGINAL SALE OF L-100S AND THEIR DESIRE THAT NEW SALE BE DONE ON SAME BASIS. CONDITION COVERING 70/30 RATION IN ORIGINAL SALE APPARENTLY DID NOT LIMIT LOGAIR COMPONENT TO IN-COUNTRY HAULAGE ONLY, A CONDITION WHICH WOULD HAVE REDUCED OUR VULNERABILITY TO CHARGE THAT WE ARE ASSISTING SAG EVADE UN ARMS EMBARGO. IT WOULD BE HARD AT THIS STAGE TO TRY TO IMPOSE THAT CONDITION ON USE OF AIRCRAFT FURNISHED IN ORIGINAL SALE, BUT PERHAPS BY MAKING IT A CONDITION FOR ANY FURTHER SALES, SAFAIR MAY BE PERSUADED TO AVOID USE OF AIRCRAFT PROVIDED UNDER EARLIER SALE TO HAUL PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED
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MIRAGES. IN ANY EVENT, IN LIGHT OF SAFAIR'S CONTRACT WITH

SAG TO HAUL SUCH HIGH VISIBILITY CARGO AS FRENCH MIRAGES,
DEPT MAY WISH TO CONDITION FURTHER SALES OF L-100 ON
THEIR NOT BEING USED TO HAUL ARMS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AS
FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, USG GAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT CONDITIONS
SET DOWN FOR USE OF ORIGINAL PLANES WOULD NECESSARILY BE
EXTENDED TO SUBSEQUENT PURCHASES.

3. RE PARA 6 REF (B), THERE IS LOGIC IN NOT COMPUTING FIGURES
OF AIA DRY LEASE PLANES FROM TOTALS USED IN CALCULATING CIVIL/
LOGAIR RATIO. HOWEVER, SINCE THE AIRCRAFT WERE LEASED TO AIA
AT USG BEHEST, EMBASSY BELIEVES AIA FIGURES SHOULD BE INCLUDED
IN COMPUTATION.

4. RE PARA 7 REF (B), SAFAIR HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING WITH
US IN ALL INQUIRIES AND APPEARS TO HAVE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH.
THESE ARE FACTORS WHICH DEPT WILL WANT TO WEIGH, TOGETHER WITH
ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, IN DECIDING WHETHER TO LICENSE FURTHER
L-100 SALES AND ON WHAT CONDITIONS.
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